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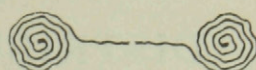
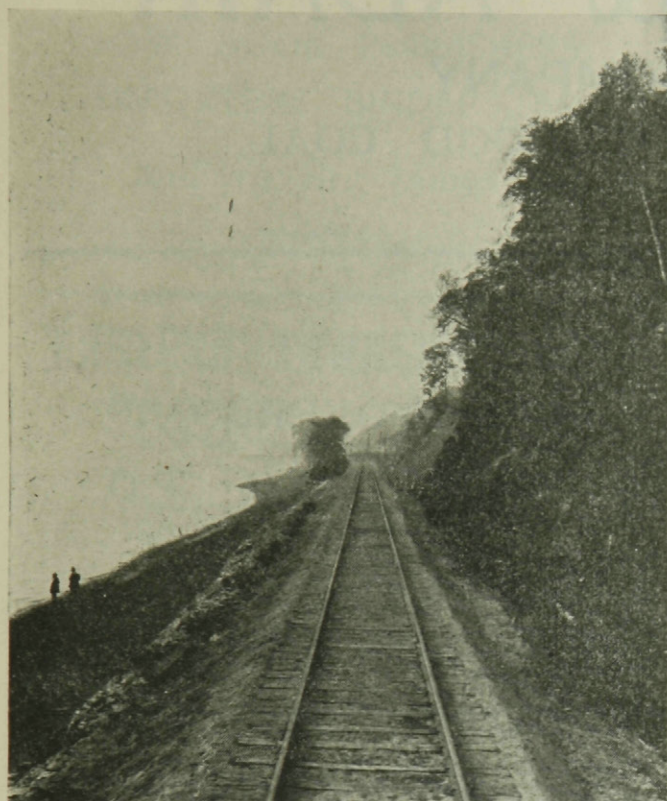
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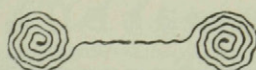
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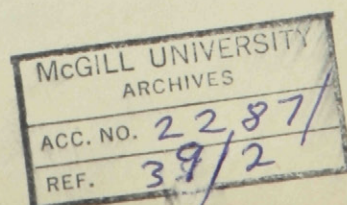
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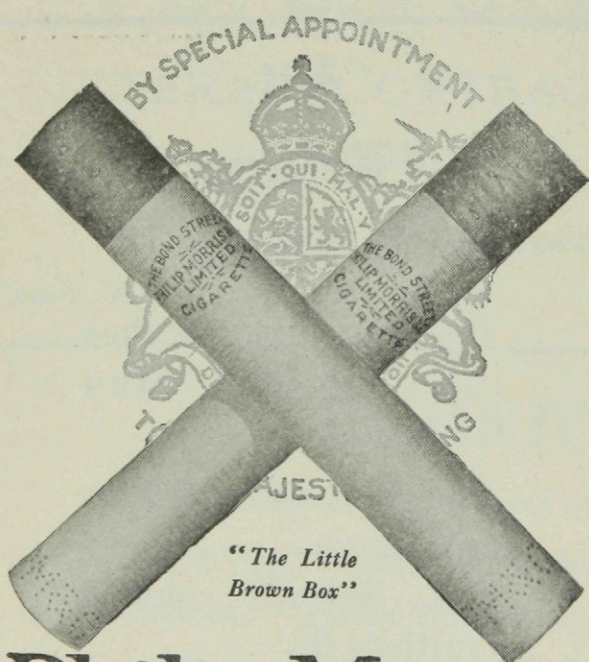
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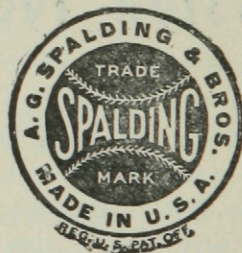
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## Editorial

### **'The Martlet and Conscription'**

The members of the Martlet Boards have found it very difficult to interest all the Students of the University in the Martlet. There are always a few, we are thankful to say, who have the best interests of the paper at heart and help us along in every way, others, who are continually knocking at the way things are run, but when asked to do anything for the paper are always too busy, or are not inclined to put themselves to that trouble, then last but not by any means the small minority, comes those who treat the Martlet as many other things around the University—with passive indifference, they care not whether it is a success or fails financially and otherwise, in fact they are rather glad to see it go to the wall.

This year we have tried every possible means to enlist the support of all, but now that the session is on the last lap, we find on looking over the subscriber's list, that the Martlet has not had the support that it not only deserves for itself, but also because it is a recognized institution of the student body.

We are up against the same difficulty that the Undergrad Societies and Athletic Clubs were some years ago, they did not get the financial support that should have been forthcoming and found that the only way to keep their heads above water was to make their fees compulsory and payable with the fees of the University.

If we are to continue the standard that has been set this year, better support will have to come from the student body. Our advertisers will not continue with us if our paper does not reach more students than it has in the past, and under these conditions the only means of solving the difficulty is to make the Martlet fee compulsory and payable in the same way as the Athletic fees.

You may ask what good is this going to do the Martlet? It will help it in the following ways:—

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from smaller spaces than is devoted to advertising, and our paper will not look like the advertising sheet that so many have complained of this last session.

Also it will enable us to put out a larger and more attractive paper than we have been able to do in the past, on account of our larger income. Our paper will be such that we will attract the best men that are to be found in the University to our boards, and in short we will be able to produce a paper that cannot be equaled by any weekly on this or the other side of the pond.

**The R. V. C. number of the Martlet** The R. V. C. What a thrill it brings to the mind of the freshman as he gazes at its door and wonders whether the statue is that of the first inmate. How fervently he vows that the drawing room shall find in him a constant visitor, if he can but make good at his class reception.

The R. V. C. fills a great place in college life. At the rink, the presence of the Donalds softens the rugged manliness of the man from Medicine or Science, at football matches and at hockey matches the R. V. C's. brighten up the stand (what if their hats do obstruct the view?) and their presence allows the wits on the bleachers to get off the old familiar jests on their blushing escorts. A great man in mathematics once calculated that it cost McGill University something under \$4000 per girl, to turn the freshette into the B. A. We confess that it seems somewhat large, and when the same authority added that the cost per man was only some \$400, our pride received a severe shock-but after all its worth it.

The Martlet has treated of many subjects, we hope of interest, but we advise our readers to wait for the R. V. C. number that the girls are to get out themselves. What is to be in it we do not know, but it is our firm conviction that it will be as Kipling says:—"Worth reading, or better still, worth suppressing."

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## The Science Faculty

**A Plea for Reform** It is the fate of all the Students of McGill to have imparted to them large and often indigestible helpings of advice. In the case of the Science Faculty this advice usually takes the form of an appeal to be broad minded. We are invited to take an interest in outside matters, to study the politics of the country, to collect beetles, to join the Literary Society, or to make a habit of reading classical books, without one of which occupations we will "lose many of the objects of College life." As a body we are not aware that we are much better or much worse than preceding generations of Science men, it is undoubtedly true that the same advice has been given to our predecessors and that we are still in exactly the same position as those predecessors so far as profiting by that advice is concerned. We all know very well that we ought to have wider interests than those bounded by the Engineering Building, the Campus and the Rink. We all feel that we do not get as much out of a University life as we have been led to expect. Where, then, is the need for a remedy, and what remedy should be applied? Some part of the blame for existing conditions rests on the men themselves. But it is the Science course, which very largely controls the actions of the men, to which we must look for reform, and it is with this question that this article attempts, however humbly, to deal. Anyonè who examines the Science curriculum as it exists to-day will find in it two main features. First, the large number of lectures which have to be attended: and, second, the severely scientific character of all the subjects. The first of these conditions is aggravated in many ways. There is a tendency on the part of some professors to consider their own particular subject so much more important than the others as to warrant the crowding into it of a deal of extra work, which has to be done out of lecture hours. In any case there are many subjects to which it is imperative to devote a whole evening every week to keep up with them at all. No discretion is allowed as to which lectures are necessary and which are not: the one-eighth attendance rule sees to that. Much time is wasted in listening—or pretending to listen—to dull lectures on uninteresting subjects which could be learnt up far better at home. So that, rightly or wrongly, the teaching system resembles that forced stuffing operation which is, we are told, undergone by geese in Germany to produce *paté-de-fois gras*, with the exception that here the object is

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the production of golden eggs. Turning to the second of our conditions we find that every subject is strictly scientific. All outside matter—anything that pertains to the Faculty of Arts—is excluded. Very little is done to teach even the art of writing or thinking consecutively, and the few attempts which are made in this direction are always subordinated to matters which are thought to be more important. The intellect is sacrificed to the formula.

Such a system as this is productive of two main results, and a corollary almost equally important from the College point of view. The men become self-centralised through lack of time to devote to anybody else: and narrow minded, by being brought continually in contact with narrow subjects. Hence springs lack of College spirit: and this is the fundamental source of all McGill's troubles.

It may be argued that it is best for Science men to devote themselves entirely to the subjects with which they will have most to do in after life. This is in some respects true, but it is not the only object of a University to teach the art of money making and nothing else. A University which follows these principles soon becomes a Technical School. It may be said that many American Colleges adopt strict scientific principles. Examples of this kind are good servants, but very bad masters. With all their highly specialised training the Technical Colleges of the States are still unable to produce as good a class of all round Science graduates as the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Up to a certain point the pure Science man may be superior, but when formulas fail, his skill deserts him. His mind has been carefully trained to run along a rut, and along that rut alone does it go.

Judging from the utterances of those in authority, this is not the type of man that McGill should turn out. But it is the type of man that she does turn out and will go on turning out unless she changes her policy. It is the type of man who is responsible for the charge that engineers are indifferent to the welfare of the country. It is the type of man to whom literature and art appeal in vain. It is the type of man who, however vast his knowledge, is unable to express his thoughts in decent English. Such a type is no credit to McGill and a bad class of citizen for Canada.

And what of the remedies? Here, of course, there will be many conflicting opinions. To launch out into details is unprofitable. We can only consider the broad principles along which reform should take its course. They are summed up in a very few words. Shorter hours, especially in the second, third, and fourth years, where men can surely be trusted to look after themselves. A broader scope of subjects in all departments. And a real attempt to train the literary as well as the practical side of the brain. No matter what the cost, changes such as these would amply repay the time and money expended in bringing them about.

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## The Billiken's Answer

I wanted a plot. In fact a plot I must have. For days I had been racking my brain for a plot which might boast of an idea. I had in fact been trying to *force* an inspiration. Funds were low, horribly low, and such stories as I had distributed among various editors seemed slow to bring in the necessary coin. I glanced around my bare little room. Was there anything more that might please the eyes of my "Uncle?" The only ornament upon my mantle was the little inscrutable Billiken which Smithson had given me for luck upon the date of his first great success, and had said——

"It was given to me, and to it I owe my good fortune so I am passing it on to you for luck."

Luck! Well, it had brought me none!

"Buck up, old chap!" I said to myself, "the luck *must* turn. Just one more effort before you give up!"

Suddenly my eyes lit upon the evening paper, and simultaneously there rose to my mind these lines from my eagerly devoured little book of Advice to Short Story Writers—"the most trivial episode, a paragraph in a daily paper—these are the skeletons of the short story"—and with a little impulse that was half cornered despair, half that superstition latent in all, I raised the paper, and, before looking at it, went over to the little Billiken.

"Billiken" all powerful little Billiken," I whispered in its ear, "Help me now! Be present and favour my undertakings—Wherever I lay my finger on this paper, there is to be my plot germ—"

So saying I closed my eyes and opened the paper at random, hurriedly dabb-  
ing a reckless finger upon it. I opened my eyes in a little flurry of excitement—  
My finger had sought out the amusement column. This is what it rested upon—

"Seventh annual Horse Show," &c.

Was ever anything less romantic?

"Billiken," I said, "you are a fool!" But the Billiken only straightened himself and looked contemptuous indignation at me.

"Never mind, old boy," I said, "don't be touchy! when a man's down and out, he isn't polite in his language. However, I'll see it through. By Jove, old man, perhaps you mean me to go there,"—and with that I took my hat, and slipping the Billiken in my pocket for luck, I walked over to the Horse Show.

Upon reaching the box office, upon a sudden impulse alien to my weeks of forced thrift, I threw down to wellnigh my last penny for a good seat,—  
"Nothing venture, nothing have," I murmured, and the Billiken throbbed approvingly in my pocket.

Upon being ushered into my seat, I began expectantly to size up my surroundings. In the ring ten pairs of hackneys harnessed to irreproachable carriages were being judged, I drew out my handkerchief, and in so doing out came the



little Billiken, which dropped into the lap of a handsome girl in the box below—  
She started, then laughed——

“What luck!” she said, “a dear wee Billiken!” and she gazed at it admiringly.

“Lucy, my dear,” her mother remonstrated, “it belongs to that gentleman!”

Lucy pouted, then rose, and, extending her hand to me, said:—

“Did you lose this?”

“You may keep it—for luck,” I said.

Lucy smiled, but her mother frowned quickly, and muttered:—

“Lucy! Don’t be so bougeoise! Give that man his property.”

The Billiken dropped into my hand. Lucy’s eyes were averted, but her cheeks flushed slightly. She sat down. Her seat was so placed that her profile was toward me. She was a large girl of perfect proportions and with a handsome head. Her mother was the typical woman of society, but the daughter had too much personality to be classed with the usual inanities known as society girls. She wore a brown riding-habit, and a new interest in the show awoke in me as I realized that she was to take part. I searched my programme to see if she had already ridden, and I had missed her, but no, here it was, three numbers later—  
Ladies’ hunters, ladies to ride.

I ignored the hackney prancing in the ring, and watched the glorious girl beneath me. She seemed quiet and responded but shortly to the remarks of the young dandy by her side. His manner had a proprietary tinge to it, but her half dreamy indifference made their relations difficult to guess. Her eyes wandered idly over the crowd. Plainly she was bored. But my curiosity was soon enlightened, for a little bubbling, over-dressed society miss stopped by their box and exclaimed——

“Hello, Lucy! Congratulations to both of you! Oh, isn’t your ring a beauty!” and she raised Lucy’s left hand, on the third finger of which blazed a half hoop of enormous diamonds.

The young man gave a fat, complacent smile——

“Best thing of the kind Tiffany’s had,” he said.

Lucy shuddered her involuntary distaste at the remark, and glanced away.

“Now what in thunder does it all mean?” I thought. “Money, I suppose, the almighty dollar once more to the front.”

I confess I was disappointed. She didn’t look like a girl with a price. Then I remembered the cynic (or shall we call him the Omniscient One) who observed that we all had our prices, the only difference being that they varied in size. I fancied hers had been a high one.

Then I noticed that the mamma was graciously flattering the youthful Croesus. Lucy leaned forward and gazed into the ring, then quickly resumed her former position. Following her glance I saw a dozen young men in pink coats riding into the ring. Once more consulting my programme, I read—High jump, open only to members of a recognized Hunt Club. My eyes went back to Lucy. Her manner was quiet as ever and she religiously watched each jump, but it seemed to me there was a restraint upon her, and I noticed that, with her head turned resolutely



to the right, she glanced swiftly and continually to the left out of the corner of her eye. I followed her little fleeting glances, and discovered that their goal was a particularly handsome young huntsman.

I smiled to myself as I saw Croesus lean forward and whispered something to the mamma, indicating at the same time with a wave of his programme the rider on the left. Lucy's mother smiled sweetly and turning around she reassured him—her words came up to me——

"Oh, no! You silly boy! I assure you Lucy's heart is all your own. That was only a little bit of unfounded scandal. Why, my dear, Lucy positively *dotes* on you!"

Croesus jaw once more relaxed into rolls of overfed complacency. But the mamma fixed an eagle eye upon her offspring, and discovering that unworthy person to be in the very act of glancing out of the left corner of her eye, she leaned sharply forward and whispered a few words into her daughter's ear.

The girl reddened painfully, then a queer little set look came on her mouth. I would have given much to know just what mamma had said. It was evidently much to the point.

Lucy turned and smiled at Croesus, murmuring a few soft words to him. Croesus looked indulgently satisfied, but had I been he, that smile would have disconcerted me. It was a facial contortion in which the eyes played not the slightest part, although the lips moved into the lines of conventional amiability.

Then we all took to watching the jumps, which were becoming alarmingly high. The next jumper was the one favoured of Lucy's glances. He rode straight at the barrier and cleared it, then cantering to the next, he spurred his horse to the jump. It jumped too low, caught its hind feet and rolled over on the top its rider. There was a moment of breathless horror, then judges and grooms rushed forward. A small group collected. I looked down at Lucy. Her face was terrible.

"Is he dead?" she gasped.

"Oh, yes, sure thing," responded Croesus, "dead as a door nail. The hoof struck his head," and he looked searchingly at Lucy. I had not seen any hoof strike the rider's head, and Croesus' little fat eyes did not look much keener than mine. They were carrying him out, and one of the officials was explaining that he was not dead but merely unconscious,

"A mere hoax to calm the crowd and not disturb the show," Croesus explained.

Then a queer thing happened—Lucy laughed out loud, and taking one of his podgy hands in hers, she patted it and exclaimed:—

"Oh, you clever boy! You know everything, don't you? You're on to all their little dodges, aren't you?"

I started, then shuddered a bit.

"Poor chap!" I thought, what fools we men are—over "a rag and a bone and a hank of hair!" and I recollected that the author of the sage remark as to our universal honour in the matter of bribery had also remarked upon the value and duration of the other sex's favours.

But Lucy cared not for my disapproval. She grew brighter every moment.



She threw scintillating little repartees into the conversation. She was all charm, all wit, all vivacity, and mamma smiled approvingly.

Her ships are burned now, I thought, and she is plunging into what remains. Then the bugle sounded for another number—Lucy jumped.

"Why it's my turn," she exclaimed.

"Good luck!" Croesus said as she left the box.

"Thanks," she said, as she moved quickly away, "I expect I will have luck!"

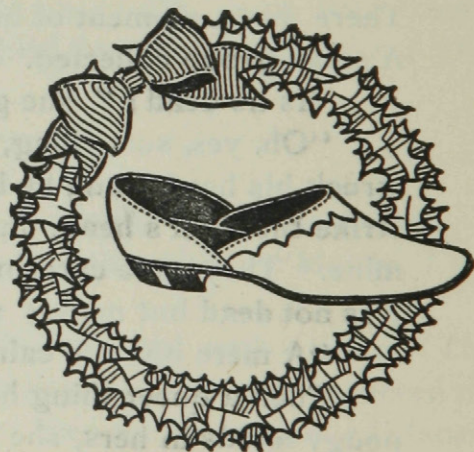
In a minute the ladies rode in, Lucy last upon a beautiful animal that looked a likely winner. The jumps were comparatively low, each lady to go twice around, making six jumps in all. Lucy was third to jump. She rode straight for the bar, and cleared beautifully. The crowd cheered. It was a magnificent horse, and Lucy's riding was no mean performance. So on she cleared the whole five, but at the sixth, just a foot from the barrier, her horse swerved suddenly, reared, pranced then blundered on the bars, knocking two down as it fell over. Even yet had Lucy stuck to it, she might have escaped, but she suddenly swayed, yanked the reins, and with a lash of the whip fell head foremost over the animal's neck, and was trampled by its hoofs. It was all over in a second. That time I knew the hoof had struck the rider's head.

"Lost her nerves, by Jove!" Croesus muttered.

I rose and hurried out. The Billiken had given me my money's worth.

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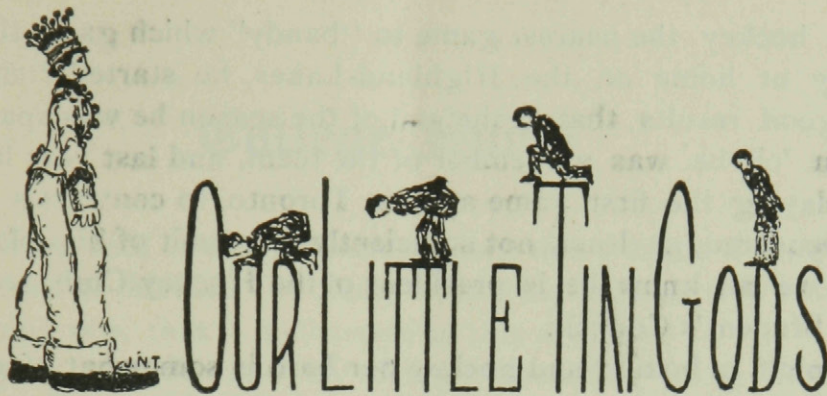
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itself, and finding hockey the nearest game to "bandy" which game those same ancestors had play at home on the Highland-Lakes, he started "chasing the puck" with such good results that at the end of the season he was spare man to the first team. In '08 he was a member of the team, and last year he had the misfortune, after playing the first game against Toronto, to contract a chill from which he never recovered, at least, not sufficiently to permit of him playing that year. This year, we all know he is president of the Hockey Club, and as such is a member of the Student's Council.

Besides his exploit in boxing and hockey our hero is somewhat of a shining light on the football field, having gained his place on the intermediate team last year. He plays Billiards occasionally and fusses—unoccasionally, indeed this is a part of his University education in which he takes no small part, his doings not being confined to the R.V.C. but spread all over Montreal.

This year he is Vice-President of Arts '10. But we must be brief: space forbids mention of his thousand and one other exploits, and in conclusion we beg to offer McMurtry of Lindsay our best wishes for a successful hockey season and a return of the senior intercollegiate trophy to this University.



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## College Spirit

Much has been said and written regarding this subject, during the past few years, by students of McGill. In fact, it is only because it is still a live issue, and a very pressing one, that it is discussed in this article.

"College Spirit" may be variously defined, according to the views held by the students making the attempt. But, after sifting the various definitions, it will in all probability be found that the general idea is that true College spirit means the loyalty of every student, in every Class and Faculty, to every legitimate College interest.

Taking this as a basis, there will be found many who go so far as to say we have little or no college spirit in McGill. Unfavourable comparisons are made with the conditions existing at Queens, Toronto, or some of the larger American Universities. Let any new enterprise be projected, and the prime movers are invariably met with the statement—"Oh! we cannot do this, we haven't the college spirit." Now it is most unfortunately true that many enterprises worthy of a far different end have found an early death from lack of support by the student body. But we have become so accustomed to hearing that we possess no college spirit that we have grown to regard it as a fact, without investigating whether it is really so.

College spirit, I most unhesitatingly affirm, is not dead in our University, however dormant it may be, and proofs are not difficult to find. We find at least a few men and women who are willing to give their time, money and brains to college enterprises, receiving in return little thanks and too often thoughtless criticism and abuse. The Members of the Annual Boards furnish a splendid example. The Martlet Board, in spite of student apathy and many disadvantages, devotes itself unselfishly to its work, at the cost of many hours a week. We have a Science Undergraduates Society and a Medical Society who have both done a great deal, by making their meetings instructive and interesting, and by developing a fellowship among the members. The executive of the student body, the Students' Council, also spends much time and thought over the broad questions arising in student politics. We have men also, who are willing to miss lectures and hours of study on the gridiron, to uphold the honour of the University. Recently the senior hockey squad taught us a lesson in self denial by coming back in the holidays to practise.

But the undeniable fact remains, that in regard to the large proportion of our student body, there is a lamentable lack of college spirit. The burdens are allowed to be shouldered by a few, and the majority go on their way, apathetic and unresponsive to the responsibilities they should bear. It is but very recently that only one nomination was received for a very important position, and this after the specified time, though notification had been prominently posted. In a



sister University, when a somewhat different position was open, there were over a thousand votes cast, and the winning candidate received a majority of five.

We may well ask ourselves—"Why such a difference? Our men are not an abnormal class, differently constituted from the men at the other Universities. When we admire the democratic spirit of Queens, or the loyalty of Toronto men to their Alma Mater, let us remember that it is quite possible to have a similar condition existing at Old McGill. It requires that we should see the true causes of our present lack of college spirit, and the determination of every student, unflinchingly adhered to, to do his share in bringing about a better state of affairs.

Numerous reasons have been given as to the causes of the lack of college spirit in McGill. Some attribute it to the fact that the students are scattered over the city in boarding-houses, and think that a dormitory would work a great revolution. A dormitory, or better still, five or six of them, would undoubtedly be a wonderful advantage to us. So would a large and modernly-equipped gymnasium. But experience elsewhere has proved that college spirit is not absolutely dependent upon such artificial aids. Other men complain that the press of work is so great and the course so heavy, that they have no time to devote to college enterprises. It seems to be true, however, that a man can find time for what he is really interested in, whether it be the theatre, dancing, sliding, skating or any other of the hundred and three distractions at hand.

The real reasons why we at McGill suffer from a lack of true college spirit seem to be different from the foregoing. One reason I would advance is that we are at present in a transitory stage of college thought and ideas. It is not very long ago since Class spirit and Faculty rivalry held the thought of the student. For these, the attempt has been made to substitute the broader idea of the year organization, embracing all faculties, and the Student Body, comprising the entire Undergraduate membership. Naturally, this has not been done without some friction, and even opposition, and we are not thoroughly accustomed as yet to the newer order of things. Future generations of students will not have the memory of the former methods to hinder their entering into the spirit of the more recent organizations.

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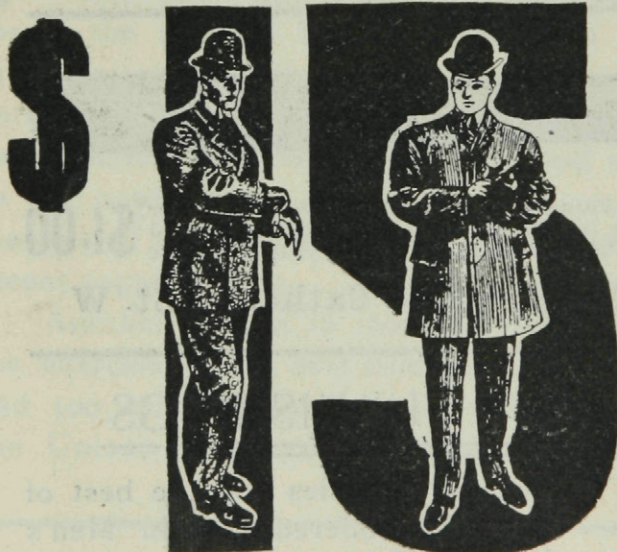
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But the chief causes, to which we can attribute the low standard of college spirit at McGill may be expressed in one word—Selfishness.

Behind nearly all the excuses which are advanced, this will be found to be the real reason. Each of us is so intent upon his own little round of life that we have no time to devote to the interests of others. The tendency is to forget that there is something else to do at college than prepare for examinations. If we can substitute some higher ideal for the spirit of self-interest, we shall have gone a long way towards producing a college spirit which will distinguish McGill and remove the present reproach.

The method is surely a very simple one. It just means that each student make a firm resolve to do whatever he can to advance the interests of his University. Having done this, it may mean that he will turn out at the meetings in which he should be interested. He may be required to take some of the burden of office. Duties may present themselves which may call for the expenditure of time and brains. But whatever may be the result individually, the unselfish interest of every student in college politics, would make our elections worth while, would vastly increase the influence of the various organizations, and would weld us together in a great common student brotherhood.

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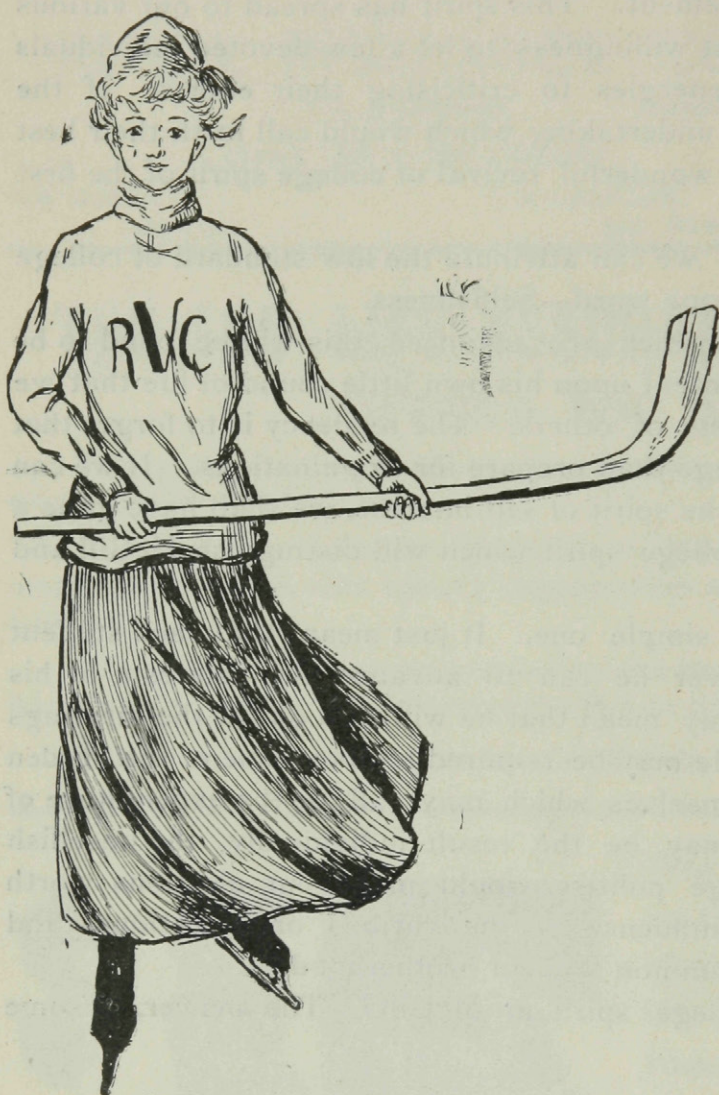
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Play on both sides was very keen and some good combinations was shown.

Great interest was felt in the match and several members of the Faculty and large numbers of the R. V. C. girls accompanied the team to Ste-Annes.

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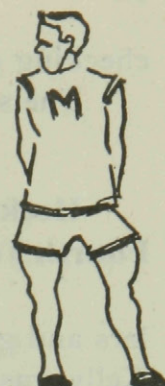
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# ATHLETICS

S.C.P.



**A Championship for McGill** On Friday evening, January 14th, McGill secured the first, but not the last, championship to fall to her lot this year. The Intermediate Water-Polo team, by defeating the M. S. C. won the intermediate Championship of City and District Water-Polo league. The two teams had previously been tied for first place, and the game on Friday night, was the play off game for the championship.

In defeating their opponents by 4 goals to 0, McGill put up a very creditable performance. The game went fast throughout, though somewhat ragged, and towards the end became very exciting, as the M. S. C. players made desperate efforts to beat down the McGill defence. Of the McGill team, Baird in goal played a fine game, contributing in no small measure to the success of his side. Pengelley, in scoring 3 goals for McGill, played a hard and sure game, his shooting being very accurate. Williams, who appears to rejoice in the same reputation once held in another game by Pulford, dealt much destruction in the M. S. C. camp. Great credit is due to the men for keeping in such good trim during the vacation: they certainly lasted longer than their opponents.

By this victory the Intermediates become the first to qualify for the new Junior championship badges.

Team:—Baird, McRea, Smith, Abbott, Williams, Pengelley.

The goals were scored by:—Pengelley, 3. Abbott, 1.

**Class Hockey** The first two games in the Class Hockey series were played on Saturday 15th January.

The first game was between '12 and '13, and for this '12 put on the ice what was practically the first team. The result was little short of remarkable. We never remember having seen quite so much foul play in any one game on the Campus, and in this the first team men particularly distinguished themselves. In spite of this lamentable exhibition of professional methods, '13 were only defeated by the narrow margin of 2 goals to 1. This means either that '13 has an exceptionally good team, or that the first team is not what it was fondly thought to be: we hope that the first supposition is true, but even so there seems to be room for improvement in this first team of ours.

Afterwards '10 beat '11 by 5 goals to 4. The game was of a far cleaner nature than the previous one, and was chiefly noticeable for the well known hard



checking of Irsty Wallace, and the fast and furious play of our one and only Wicky. The seniors and juniors have now to play off for the championship.

**Hockey**  
**Fourth Team** McGill 4th team played their second game in the Montreal suburban league on Monday January 10th when they defeated the Bel-monts by 9-2. The game was inclined to be rough and there was very little team play. The McGill men were all good stick hand-lers and good skaters, but should learn to stay on the ice and p'ay together. Kelly was the pick of the forwards getting 5 out of the 9 goals scored while Grey Masson played a great defence game and was continually helping out the forwards by his rushes. McGill forced the play throughout. At half time the score was 3-1 and in the last half McGill just walked away from their opponents scoring 6 to their opponents 1, which was batted in from a scramble in front of the nets,

Goal—Warwick

Point—Jones

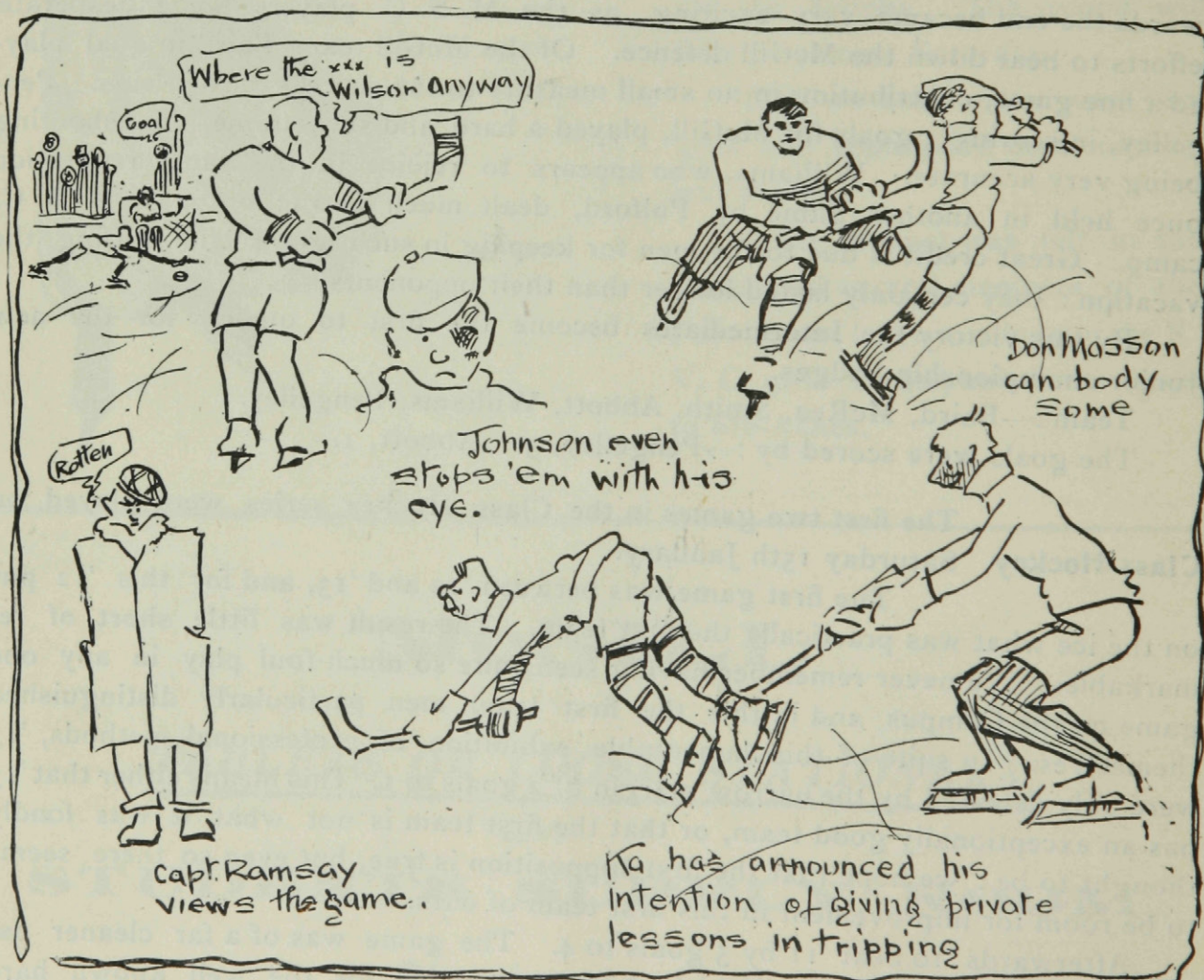
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## SCHEDULE OF CLASS HOCKEY MATCHES

Arts '10 vs Arts '12	Wed. Jan. 26th	2-3 p.m.
Arts '12 vs Arts '13	Tues. Jan. 18th	3-4 p.m.
Winners play off Sat. Jan. 29th 1-30 to 2-30 p.m.		
Sci. '10 vs Sci. '11	Sat. Jan. 22nd	3-4 p.m.
Sci. '12 vs Sci. '13	Sat. Jan. 22nd	1-30 to 2-30 p.m.
Winners play off Sat. Jan. 29th 3-4 p.m.		
Med. '10 vs Med. '11 & '12	Thurs. Jan. 20th	12-1 p.m.
Med. '13 vs Med. '14	Thurs. Jan. 20th	2-3 p. m.
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Note the hours of the games, and let every man turn out to cheer on his team. A good rooters club means a whole lot to a team. Also let the classes which have not yet elected a hockey captain call a meeting and choose one. Those who hesitate are lost.

By order

The Rink Committee

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## College Jottings.

(The class reporters are requested write LEGIBLY ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY, and to hand in their reports either on Saturday or Sunday. In the future the reports not complying with these rules will be omitted from the paper. ED.)

R. V. C. '10

At twelve o'clock last night I finished reading the story of the man who went to sleep and awoke in the year 2,000. Then I nibbled a glass of milk and sipped a soda biscuit and went to bed and to sleep. When I opened my eyes I was no longer in my bedroom but in a strange house, and in a strange room. The room was artificially lighted though a dim sort of daylight seemed to filter in through the windows; from outside sounded a strange whirring noise which attracted me to look out and I saw an odd sight. The sky was obscured and darkened by an immense crowd of aeroplanes, great and small, swooping, gliding, pursuing each other like a flock of birds. Then I understood it all—I too was was in the year 2,000.

I turned from the window and looked about the room. It was a library, the walls were lined with books and curious to see, what our great-grand-



children were reading, I took down one at random. It was a history of Canadian Literature by Ropford Stook, and opening it casually, I read the following paragraph,—

"It frequently occurs in the history of a literature, that there arise at almost the same moment a number of writers who adopt the same form of literary expression. About Jan. 5th, 1910, there arose such a school of essayists, a class which since the 18th century had been somewhat in the background. This movement, which is known as the Revival of Essay-writing, arose in a certain Club or Secret Society known by the cabalistic formula of R. V. C. 10, (various explanations have been suggested, such as Royal Volunteer Corps, Revised Version Christians, &c., but none seem specially applicable.) This school is divided into two classes, characterized by different styles, though we cannot but believe that all the writings appeared within a short space of one another. The class showing the earlier style of expression and characterized by a certain rapid and fervent style is known as the "Before Christmas Essayists," while the other class, whose style is less inspired but more polished, have been called the "Precursors of the after Christmas Essayists," a later school which will be discussed in another paragraph. None of the writers names have been discovered, and it seems probable that this brilliant literary outburst soon died away. Fragments of the original manuscripts, with marginal notes by another hand, are preserved in the Greenroad Museum "

I replaced the book with a sigh. "I knew all about that yesterday," I said to myself as I took down another volume. This one proved to be on Archaeological Research, and contained a full-page illustration of a tomb-stone lately discovered and having the following inscription,

In loving Memory  
of  
T e late C—A—L—M—L—L—R (Name obliterated)  
who died J— 19—  
a e 99 yrs, 11 mos, and 3 days.  
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Just then an aeroplane crashed through the window, and I awoke to find C. rushing in and demanding if I were going to get up today.

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Do not forget Arts '10 hockey hours. Wed. 3—4 Sat. 12—1.

Mr. A. B. MacDonald was elected to represent the Arts Undergraduate Society at the Queen's Arts Dinner on Wed. 12th. "Abbie" returned on Thursday, tired but happy.

**Science 10** "Hullo!—Same to you old chap.—Say, did you get through—" How many times have we heard the above, varied perhaps with "Excuse my glove"? Sometimes we were sure we had got through, sometimes we were glad that it is hardly within the bounds of possibility that the wishes uttered by erstwhile gentle-conversationed youths with respect to some of those who sit in high places, will ever be fulfilled.

"And now the cry is 'Hockey'" Science '10 it is true have never distinguished themselves in this noble pastime, but still we have hopes. If the worst comes to the worst, we can go and play St. Annes. Even if we dont win, there are consolations.—Ask "Wooly."

There is much talk this year of an Inter-Course League being formed, and a schedule being drawn up, to be adhered to, if possible. Nothiug definite has been done so far, but the "burning question" is whether transportation shall join forces with the Mechanicals or the Architects.

Occupying, as we do, a delicate position, we refrain from giving our opinton.

You ought to have heard Scottie's speech at the Union on Friday night. He surpassed even himself, and we hope his words will take root. All up to buy tickets for the games and help McGill to bring back the trophy.

**Sci. II** Well, we are, all back again doing business at the old stand. That we appreciated the two extra holidays was easily seen by the happy smiling faces of all a week ago last Friday. We must ask Chiloup not to bring his dog to lectures.

**Nominations are yet open for the positions of Manager and Assistant-Manager of Rugby Football Club. Nominations will close at the office of the Undersigned at The Union, on Thurday, January 27, at 5 p.m.**

**C. J. HANRATTY,**

**Secretary,**

**The Students Council.**



Our worthy hockey player Cr—m, who has not yet got over Christmas and New Year, mistook it for a wild beast, and was with difficulty prevented from running forward and winning an R.V.C., I beg pardon a V.C.

In the inter-year game between '12 and '13 on Saturday, '12  
**Sci. 12** were victorious by 2-1. We are sorry, in view of Mr. Ramsey's article in last week's Martlet, and Mr. Scott's talk at the Union smoker on Friday, that our men saw fit to play the game they did.

Owing to the departure from college of the President, Vice-Pres., and  
**Sci '13** Treas., an election was held last week to fill these vacancies. Mr. McEvenu and Mr. Price were elected Pres. and Vice-Pres. respectively while the funds (?) of the year were entrusted to Mr. McCaghey.

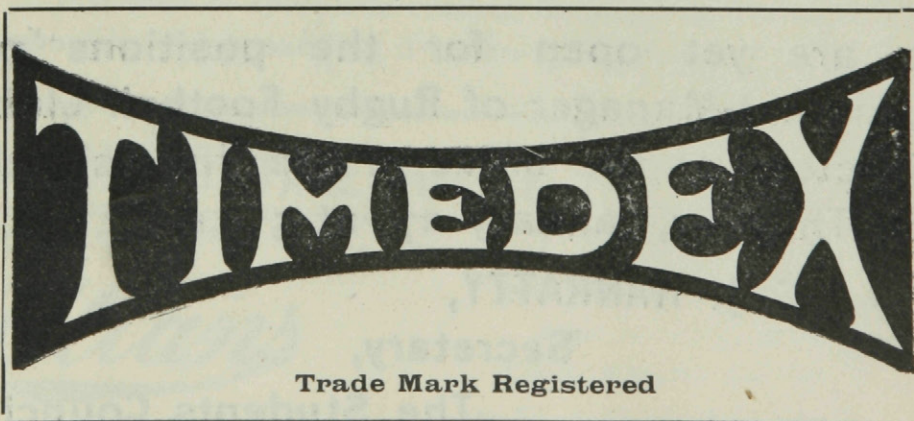
We rejoice to say that '13 has at last awoken from its sleep. After they roughed the Sophs a little on sports days they settled down to a quiet little snooze but on Saturday last they helped hold the team of '12, composed of the entire first team, down to a score of 2-1. Shortly we think there will be "something doing"

At last we can say with truth that we're all back safely  
**Med. II** from the tender mercies of home and the "Girl I left behind me." Judging from appearances it was very difficult for some to tear themselves away. Shannon for example blew in about a week late still drunk with delight over his holiday with the fair ones of Ontario. Cambell and several others had to crump up some old tale "about being snowed in" to satisfy the persistent line of questions from one of the Clinical teachers.

Heard after the Bacteriology results appeared last Friday:—"I love my good name and character, but *Oh* you Hell-of-a-good-time!"

The past week has been one of speechifying from beginning to end. On Tuesday at the Medical Dinner, President Falconer gave out a fine line of talk and advise to The Freshmen. He turned off the tap only because some of his hearers were too much inclined to protest.

The second speech was handed out by M. C. Roberts when he won the debate at the Medical Society Meeting on Friday. It is unfortunate that more of the class did not turn up to give him the support he so richly deserved.

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**Arts '13**

Back from our first holidays, with all sorts of good resolutions. Most of us, with a few notable exceptions, have succeeded in passing in at least one subject. These exceptions, whom we will not name, have made resolution No. 1. Resolved, that we will study nine hours a day, more or less, and attend all our lectures until——" The boosers, A—, B—, C—, ad inf., have unanimously passed resolution No. 2, "We will be good," in consequence of which the attendance at Strathcona Hall has jumped up from seven or eight to between thirty and forty, while the tutorial class in English literature, meeting nightly at the Royal, has correspondingly decreased. Apart from our moral betterment, the only topic of interest is hockey, in which our prospects are decidedly bright. At a recent meeting H. Wall was elected captain by acclamation.

**Med. 14**

The winter term's work is well under way and a few of the New Year's resolutions are still retained by the more ambitious members. The results of the three final examinations at Xmas show that W. E. Joyce heads the class with highest honours on total.

Those freshmen who attended the Medical dinner last week, were amply repaid for their time and money. It was a great success and Medicine '14 appeared in goodly numbers, completely filling up one of the long tables. H. C. Dixon had the honour of being spokesman for the class, replying to the toast of the "Freshmen."

It is certainly up to the year now to subscribe to the Martlet for the remainder of the session. Only fifty cents, you'll never miss the price of it and get all the benefits.

Class hockey is now creating some interest and from the available material Med. '14 ought to be able to put a team of some class on the ice. The campus rink is being well utilized of late, the only fussers caught at it last week were Tayler, Fisher and London.

The worst is now over, all the results are out and everybody is looking for a little fun before settling down to work.

**Arts II Class**

In last week's issue there appeared a full report of the Junior Dance. Without doubt the dance was a success as a social function and now we have proof of its success as a financial proposition. We do not think the Committee quite justified in noticing the complaints of some about the supper which was remarked on as being the best ever given in the Union. All the members of the Dance Committee deserve the very hearty congratulation of the class for their very efficient work. The surplus from the dance will be used to help disfray the expenses of the Annual.

The hours for hockey practice have now been posted. Everybody get a ticket to the rink and those interested in hockey turn out. With Currie and Moyse practising with the college teams and Roberts reserving himself for class hockey a good team may be expected.

To use an American expression 3rd year history is a cinch.

There are now several ladies who wear furs of the larger type.



## College Societies

**Delta Sigma** THE first meeting of the Delta Sigma society for 1910, was held in the common room on Friday, January 14th.

The subject of the day was the Sophomore-Freshman debate "Resolved that women be given the franchise."

The affirmative was convincingly put forward by Elliss Chase Going and Miss Lilian Younger of '12 while negative was as spiritedly upheld by Miss Florence McSween and Miss Jean Robinson of '13. After consideration of the excellent points on both sides the judges awarded the palm to '13.

As a matter of interest a standing vote of the meeting was taken on the point and it was found that while twenty-nine were in favour of suffrage, thirty-two against it.

The thanks of the Delta Sigma are due to Mrs. Irwin, Dr. Caldwell and Prof. Slack who kindly acted as judges of the debate.

It was announced that Miss Cartwright has kindly offered a prize for a poster competition to be held in February, not less than the twenty-five posters being entered.

**The Medical Dinner** THE Annual Dinner of the Medical Faculty was held at the Place Viger Hotel on Tuesday, January 11th. On this occasion a new departure was made, that of having as the guest of honour a representative of our sister Universities. This year Dr. Clarke, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Toronto, was the recipient of this honour. Anent this departure from precedent it may be noted that a scheme of exchange

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of professors and students between the two Universities is now in contemplation, which we are sure will, if adopted, prove of great value to all concerned, both by the exchange of knowledge and experience and by the firmer welding together of the great medical schools of Canada.

After a most festive repast, President Logie began on the toast list with the time honoured toast of "The King." Next came the toast of "Our Guest," ably proposed by the President in a few well chosen words. In reply Dr. Clarke laid stress on the advantages likely to accrue to both Universities from an interchange of personnel and ideas, foreseeing at the same time that the medical laws of the several provinces, at present somewhat chaotic, would, by the aid of this scheme and its results, be reduced in a great measure to a much desired uniformity.

The toast of "Our Alma Mater" was proposed by H. H. Hepburn, President of the Undergraduate Society of Medicine, and was replied to in the happiest terms by the Principal, Judge Archibald, and Dr. Roddick. Dean Shepherd exercised his oratorical powers in replying to the toast of the Faculty, and Dr. Adami also favoured those present with a short discourse in his usual humorous vein. Later on we were favoured by the representatives of Toronto, Queens and Laval, all of whom emphasised the good feeling existing between the Universities, while Laval representative in a most cordial manner mentioned the willingness of his University to support McGill in all ways, whether in or out of of the police court.

And so in the early hours of Wednesday morning the meeting broke up, all those present declaring it to have been the best function of its kind it had ever been their good luck to attend.

### The Union

A word or two in reference to the Union at the opening of this term may not be out of place. This institution should without doubt be the most important factor in the social life of the students and in the binding together of the various activities controlled by them. The purpose of Sir Wm. Macdonald in presenting it was to provide a place where men of all years and faculties might meet on the common ground of membership in the University, and discuss the questions bound to arise in such a community.

Every student is thus a prospective member of the Union, and each should feel that he personally should do his part towards fulfilling the aim of the founder. It has been stated by a good many that they do not go to the Union because they do not find the men they wish to meet. If they would think twice they would own that this attitude is in itself enough to make these others remain away, that if they were to spend half an hour a day or even less in the building, they would soon find the men they wish to meet there as well.

If the students would go about it in the right way they would have little difficulty in making the Union take the place it should in College life. At present the membership list has only about 40% of the students, and, in view of the fact that perhaps too little that was done at the beginning of College year towards



bringing the Union before the notice of the students, the fee for the returning half of the year has been placed at \$3.00

The catering department, the operation of which has always been more or less unsatisfactory, has been handed over to an outside caterer on a contract basis for the remainder of the year and excellent meals are being served.

**Undergraduate Society Applied Science** Mr. J. K. L. Ross, B. A. Sc. 97, of the Dominion Coal Co., will address the Science Undergraduates on Wednesday, January 26th, at 8 p.m. The subject will be the life saving apparatus used by the Dominion Coal Co. Some appliances installed at the Sydney mines will be shown.

Mr. Ross has always taken a keen interest in student enterprises and life, and the executive feels highly honoured in having secured Mr. Ross' consent to speak on this occasion.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs will be present and will render several selections. Refreshments will be served.

**Readers' Club** THE first meeting of the Readers' Club for this session was held Thursday evening last, President Wood presiding. The Society were pleased to welcome their councillor Miss S. E. Cameron, M.A., lecturer in English, whose enforced absence last session was regretted by all.

Three papers were read on Shakespeare and a very profitable discussion ensued. Miss C. Brehant dealt with Ghosts and Ghost-lore; B. S. Robinson with his use of Italy in his writings, and Mr. R. Chandler with his treatment of death.

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February 8—Geo Eliot's Women—Miss M. Paterson-Smyth

The 18th Century Heroine—Miss B. R. Mount

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February 22—Ghosts in Fiction—Miss C. R. Green

Dreams in Fiction—F. H. Stanton

Marlowe's Historical Plays—J. E. Bissett

March 8— Irish Epics—Miss K. T. Trenholme

Parody—O. Thorne

Satire in Literature—A. H. Elder

March 22— Descriptive Passages from Keats—A. B. Macdonald

Milton's Shorter Poems—Miss A. McKinnon

Thomas Hood—Miss L. E. Seymour

### **The Union Smoker**

ON Friday evening, January 14th, the executive of the Union held their Second Smoker. The success which had attended the last of these entertainments was sufficient to pack the big lounging hall with men expectant of a very enjoyable evening, and they were not disappointed. The program was judiciously selected, the 'Smokes' were irreproachable, the refreshments quite up to par.

The Glee and Mandolin Club was out in force, and the enjoyable music which they furnished lent much towards making the evening a very pleasant one. Other features of the program were a violin solo with piano accompaniment, (the brothers DesRosiers) and recitations by Messrs. Murray and Goldbloom. Then O. H. Scott had a few words to say to the boys about their duty to the Hockey Club ; as everyone knows, "Scottie" is working as surely hockey manager never worked before to bring back the Intercollegiate Hockey Championship, graced with the Allen Cup, and he was given a rousing reception.

Dr. Elder's address was perhaps the feature of the evening. He spoke about the relative merits of football as played in the United States and football as played in Canadian Colleges—and he spoke with assurance of one who knows and has played the game. His description of the last Yale-Harvard game was, to say the least, vivid, and his conclusions were instructive and very much to the point. The presence of Dr. Elder and Dean Adams, who also spoke briefly, was much appreciated.

The members of the entertainment committee are to be congratulated upon the success that has so far attended their efforts. These informal smokers are by no means the least of the attractions which The Union has to offer ; they do a great deal towards making the place more popular among the students, and it is very much to be hoped that they are to be a fixture.



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## Rochester Convention

A remarkable Convention of college men and women was held recently at Rochester, N.Y., from the 29th of December, 1909, to the 2nd of January 1910. It was the Sixth International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement. These conventions take place every four years—once in a college generation—thus giving to every student during his or her college course an opportunity of having presented to him or her the claims of the Mission fields of the world and the opportunities afforded therein.

As the name implies, the Convention was primarily a gathering of students. Of the 3624 delegates present, 2678 were students, and 329 professors and members of the Faculties of the different Universities and colleges represented, these totalled 722. Among the students 29 countries were represented.

One naturally asks for the "why" and the "wherefore" of such a large gathering. The answer to this question makes itself plain if we look, for a moment, at the motto of this Student Volunteer Movement. "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation." As John R. Mott, the Chairman of the Convention, said, this is an Ideal, not a Prophecy, and more than that, a Possibility.

Many will say this is a laudable ambition but impossible and impracticable. But before passing such a judgment, consider what the watchword means.

Evangelization is not conversion: evangelization consists in carrying the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to the peoples of the world, presenting it to them, and giving them the opportunity of accepting Jesus Christ as their only Redeemer and Saviour: but we feel convinced that the nations of the world will receive it when the opportunity is given them. We are not justified in saying that the nations, now, and for centuries past, sunk in Heathenism, will refuse to accept Christianity before we have taken it to them.

Nor are we justified in waiving the claims that Foreign Missions make upon us because, as some say, the Church has enough to do at home, and the unevangelized races can take care of their own interest. This twofold objection is so often advanced, and as often answered satisfactorily, that we need not let it detain us. Suffice it to say that the condition of foreign nations at the present time demands our attention and our deep interest. The following paragraph illustrates.

We are familiar with such expressions as "The Birth of Japan," "The Awakening of China," "The Unrest of India," "The Struggle of Western Asia," "The Abuse of Africa," "The Neglect of South America." These word epitomies of the conditions existing in the lands each refer to are but thin suggestions of the tremendous changes that are taking place in the political, social, and religious institutions of heathendom. It is a very critical time. Whether Christian effort has as its aim the introduction of true ideals into the individual and national life of Japan, or the moral uplift of the millions of China, or the answer to the plaintive call of India, with the messages of Him Who alone can give the peace that passeth understanding; or to aid Christ in His battle with Mahomet; or to right the wrongs of Africa; or to purify the life of South



America, it will find it has to face a crisis. "Never," said Mr. Mott, in the history of the world has there been such a synchronizing of crises." Ambassador Bryce said that this age of ours is a time of necessity and of opportunity, a time when it is more needful and more possible than perhaps ever before to send the light forth over the earth. Truly the problems of heathen countries to-day demand the wisest strategy and the cleverest diplomacy of the civilized world. And they demand it in this generation.

This need was most strongly impressed on the delegates by the impassioned appeal to Christian nations of the different representatives of other countries. Robert E. Speer, a man whose very appearance impressed one with a sense of indomitable strength and masterful ability, told of the sad condition of things in South America. We do not realize the transition that is taking place in that continent. Seven young republics, in the past few years having thrown off the fetters of foreign control, are standing forth in political and religious freedom. Every one of them is a nation in the making: the Argentine Republic, with a capital of over a million of people; Brazil, with a population of ten million and an area almost as large as Europe. Year by year our relations with these peoples are becoming more intimate. They are practically without any religion. The Roman Catholic Church has lost its hold upon them as a people. So far as Protestantism is concerned South America is a neglected continent. The condition of student life among the 70,000 or more in its colleges is appalling, only about 5% of them living moral lives. A corresponding degradation is found everywhere, and to make matters worse, the men who should speak against such things, the priests, are themselves corrupt. The appeal from Latin America is especially urgent when we know that they themselves are reaching out a hand to us for help, asking for Protestant missionaries, and offering free transportation to Protestant emigrants from any part of the world.

Bishop Hartzell, of Africa, a white-haired veteran of seventy years, a man whose life has been spent among savages, told us of the "Slavery" of Africa. Fettered by the grip of Mohammedanism, and in many case corrupted by the vices given to them by Christian nations, in the heart of Africa there are 50,000,000 souls not yet reached by Christian missions, The northern part of

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Africa has a population of over 60,000,000, of which half is pagan and half Mohammedan. The needs of our home fields are great, but there are more Christian workers in the United States among the negroes alone than there are for 160,000,000 of benighted Africans.

G. Sherwood Eddy, just home from seventeen years' service in India, with his heart on fire and his soul full of love for its millions of outcasts, its thousands of blighted children, told with touching pathos of the unspeakable suffering which exists in that land because of their ignorance of Christ and His enlightening Gospel. India has population equal to four times that of the United States, yet in New York City alone there are more Christian workers than in all India. Undoubtedly India is to-day the greatest religious responsibility of the world. All the great historic faiths are found in her borders, and her great student body is open and waiting for further light.

But the chief emphasis of the Convention after all was not laid so much upon the need of the foreign field or its problems, as upon the consecration of the individual lives of the men and women there. It is by no means given to all to become foreign missionaries, even to all those who realize the need and call of the heathen world, but what is fundamentally important is that men and women should be ready to go wherever the Will of God would send them, and to do whatever He bids them do. To a few comes the opportunity of doing His Will in heathen lands, and of carrying His Evangel to those who have never heard it before, but the great majority of those who hear the call are forced to stay at home. To the one class as much as to the other comes the call to consecration.

Because of the relation of the home base to missionary effort this call is insistent. The necessity of financial support from those at home emphasizes the need of the consecration of wealth so that it may be used where God would have it. The general missionary interest, so essential to the encouragement and strengthening of those on the field, and the all-powerful ministry of intercession also can come in their fullest power only from consecrated lives. If only the students of Canada who will remain in this country to pursue their life-callings were consecrated men and women, who could measure the influence of their money, their interest, and their prayers on the whole world?

But because also of the importance of the individual life this call comes with insistent force. There is, after all, only the one great movement, including both foreign and home lands—the bringing of the world to the feet of Christ. The life which is wholly consecrated to the Lord of this movement can be used by Him whether it is on one continent or another.



## Exchange

The William Jewell Student from Liberty, Mo., is one of our most welcome monthly visitors. Unlike some of our exchanges it has not become better and better with succeeding issues. The first number was superior to anything that has since appeared no matter from what point of view we examine it. This was due to the fact that it was entirely written by the editors and all the editors together. Each member of the staff wrote one article in either verse or prose and we need not speak of the care with which these were written when we know that opposite the production of each was found a photograph of the author on a page devoted exclusively to that purpose. We do not mean that the succeeding numbers were not good ; on the contrary, they are only of less interest than the October one. The stories have the correct ring to them and from time to time genuine poetry appears. Keep it up Student !

"*The Varsity*" contains one of the most pleasing notices we have seen for some time. Not long ago in this column we had occasion to criticise the University of Toronto publications in that the "*Varsity*" could be nothing but a newspaper and that the associate "*University Monthly*" was from its nature rather prohibitive to student work. Toronto has realized this and, what is more, she has determined to remedy this faulty condition of affairs. The "*Arbor*"—so named from the University motto "*Velut Arbore Aevo*"—is to be a monthly for the express purpose of printing student prose and verse.

We wish all success to this new publication and expect to be able shortly to congratulate our sister University on the possession of such a desirable combination as the newspaper "*Varsity*"—the allumnus minded "*Monthly*" and the student "*Arbor*."

The University of Ottawa Review is always received with the welcome accorded to one of our oldest friends. It is not the largest or best of our exchanges but in spite of this contains much valuable material and shows itself to be the product of very careful work by all connected with it. Both prose and verse are of a high standard.

Exchanges received "*Dalhousie Gazette*," "*Harvard Lampoon*," "*Columbia Jester*," "*Argosy*," "*Tufto Weekly*," "*Wahl Forest Student*."





## Correspondence

Dear Sir :—

Some times ago there appeared in the columns of the Martlet an editorial under the heading "Dormitories" and also mentioning other necessities of our University. These so called "Necessities" are, unfortunately, numerous and varied but it is with the one of which we are perhaps more greatly in need and which could be more generally appreciated that this article wishes to deal. I refer to a Gymnasium.

I may say that this "long felt want" has been freely and generally discussed in and around McGill for years past but, I believe, for some unaccountable reason, has never been brought before the direct attention of the whole student body.

However, our most popular Dr. Barnes, who has the welfare of the students ever in mind, in a somewhat recent gathering, launched the idea. "Why should not the students themselves supply the College with a Gymnasium." We trust that the Governors would welcome such an initiative on the part of the students and would grant a suitable site on which to erect a building which would favourably compare with the majority of those which we now enjoy, thus filling up a large "gap" in the student life of McGill.

Probably we have been spoiled (so to speak) in being able to enjoy such palatial and commodious surroundings during the greater part of the day in intellectual pursuits, then to have to resort to such comparatively dingy and entirely inadequate quarters for the attention necessary to the body, which is perhaps of more consequence in that it is generally conceded to be the forerunner of sound minds.

Is there a College anywhere of any consequence but what may claim such a building which would easily eclipse what hitherto has been our lot to contend with? We are handicapped in athletics in more ways than one, but principally through lack of a suitable "Home". Other Colleges have been in a similar position to that which we now, enjoy but for well known reasons now look upon those periods merely as history. If Queens could so successfully overcome such a predicament why should we not try. We would not have to depend principally on our graduates for assistance since we have the advantage of a much larger business centre in which there are many business men who realize our need in this respect and who would gladly contribute their "mite" in support of what would probably meet with more favor than the average undertaking for which subscriptions are generally solicited.

Now appears to be as favorable an opportunity for such an undertaking as is likely to occur for some time in the future. Now, when the much deserved distinction which our foot ball team, individually and collectively, very properly enjoys is fresh in the minds of Montreal people particularly; now, when our hockey team holds out such favourable prospects for duplicating in the immediate future



what we have quite recently witnessed and enjoyed ; now, with our most recent "scalp"—the Intermediate Water-polo championship—to acquire which, let us remember, it was necessary to seek the use of a swimming tank with which the name McGill cannot at all be associated; and now, lastly, but all important, when we have such an ideal location for a building of such a character.

What ever is to be done (if anything) should receive the entire co-operation of the whole student body "en masse" and working as a unit, each student shouldering an individual responsibility in the undertaking at hand—all with one object in view and operating under one definite plan, for a purpose in which all would benefit.

To me the object seems quite feasible.

This article is intended merely as a suggestion and treats details as of a secondary nature. To some I may not have expressed myself as clearly as I might, but for this time and space are responsible. However, I believe there is embodied herein the "Soup" of a seven course dinner of "Thought" and I would propose as an amendment the adoption of the subject herein specified as the 1910 perpetual remembrance of our existence (perhaps) in connection with the great McGill and incidentally as a symbol of our respect for our Alma Mater, and in this, I believe I am safe in saying, the other years would gladly join.

The undersigned invites controversy though the columns of the Martlet on this subject during the immediate future.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I am

Yours respectfully,

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